



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill # SB0225

Title: Sugar beet harvest weight exemption

Primary Sponsor: Brown, Taylor

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact:

The bill permits farm vehicles transporting sugar beets from a harvested field between September 15 and December 1 to exceed certain weight limitations on any highway except a highway that is part of the federal-aid interstate system. There is potential long term fiscal impact due to additional wear on roadways from the overweight condition allowed by SB 225. These fiscal impacts are incalculable.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- Although SB 225 addresses non-use of the federal-aid interstate system, it allows a (30%) overweight vehicle to travel on other Montana roadways which may be federally funded. This may be considered in violation of federal regulations for federally funded highways. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is required by CFR 23, Part 657 to submit a size and weigh enforcement compliance plan annually and must certify compliance with that plan annually as well.
- Currently, under the best configuration, gross weights can be up to 131,000 pounds. SB 225 would allow a gross weight of 170,300 pounds.

Long-Term Impacts:

- If the state were to be found in violation of federal regulations Under 23 CFR 657.19, the state may be sanctioned by the US Department of Transportation. In this instance, 10% of National Highway System funds could be withheld when non-compliant.
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Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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